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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** September 28, 2021

**DATE:** September 9, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Eric Brown, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$24,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$10,000] grant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to support the Lake Tahoe Future of Tourism Shared Vision & Destination Stewardship Roadmap request for proposal with the purpose of utilizing professional and/or consultant services to develop a roadmap document to help guide the future of sustainable recreation and tourism in the region, and a [\$14,000] grant to Soulful Seeds to support the creation of a fire-resistant structure to store tools and gardening equipment for the use of women and families at the Our Place campus; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. (Commission District 1.)

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### **SUMMARY**

This item requests the Board to approve resolution and disburse district funds in the total amount of [\$24,000] for Commission District 1.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:**

1. Economic Impacts: Support a thriving community.
2. Vulnerable Populations: Address homelessness with a regional approach.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners directed [\$25,000] to the Downtown Reno Partnership through the Community Foundation of Western Nevada as a restricted grant designated to support the funding of a van for the Downtown Reno Partnership Ambassadors and [\$1,000] to the Local Food Network to support the Reno Local Food Faire event production expenses, including insurance, marketing and equipment rental.

### **BACKGROUND**

Modification of guidelines and adoption of resolution for County Commission District Special Funding on February 10, 2015 created Commission District Special Funds for each Commission

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District. On May 18, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget with special district funds allocated per Commission District in the amount of \$100,000. The monies appropriated are to support needs for all Washoe County residents.

Funds appropriated through the Commission District Special Funds must provide substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County. The recipient must be a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or a government entity. Funds shall not provide any personal or private benefit for the Commissioners, directly or indirectly benefit any campaign efforts by a commissioner, violate Ethics in Government law, or be used to purchase tickets to special events.

Commissioner Hill has elected to support the following organization in fiscal year 2021-2022:

- [\$10,000] to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to support the Lake Tahoe Future of Tourism Shared Vision & Destination Stewardship Roadmap request for proposal with the purpose of utilizing professional and/or consultant services to develop a roadmap document to help guide the future of sustainable recreation and tourism in the region. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's mission is to lead the cooperative effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region, while improving local communities, and people's interactions with our irreplaceable environment.
- [\$14,000] to Soulful Seeds to support the creation of a fire-resistant structure to store tools and gardening equipment for the use of women and families at the Our Place campus. Soulful Seeds is a grassroots 501c3 nonprofit organization in Reno whose focus is reducing food insecurity by providing fresh, healthy food to the most vulnerable populations in northern Nevada.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sufficient FY22 budget authority exists within the Cost Center District 1 Constituents (C100101) and account Payments to other Agencies (710400). This action requests approval and distribution of a [total of \$24,000] to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Soulful Seeds.

Expense Disbursements are required as follows:

- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to support the Lake Tahoe Future of Tourism Shared Vision & Destination Stewardship Roadmap request for proposal with the purpose of utilizing professional and/or consultant services to develop a roadmap document to help guide the future of sustainable recreation and tourism in the region: \$10,000
- Soulful Seeds to support the creation of a fire-resistant structure to store tools and gardening equipment for the use of women and families at the Our Place campus with the purpose of reducing food insecurity by providing fresh, healthy food to the most vulnerable populations in northern Nevada: \$14,000

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend approving Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$24,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$10,000] grant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) for the purpose of supporting the Lake Tahoe Future of Tourism Shared Vision & Destination Stewardship Roadmap request for proposal with the purpose of utilizing professional and/or consultant services to develop a roadmap document to help guide the future of sustainable recreation and

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### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"Move to approve Commission District Special Funds in the amount of [24,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$10,000] grant to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency for the purpose of supporting the Lake Tahoe Future of Tourism Shared Vision & Destination Stewardship Roadmap request for proposal with the purpose of utilizing professional and/or consultant services to develop a roadmap document to help guide the future of sustainable recreation and tourism in the region, and a [\$14,000] grant to Soulful Seeds to support the creation of a fire-resistant structure to store tools and gardening equipment for the use of women and families at the Our Place campus; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds.*